

WOODMANSEE FAMILY HISTORY

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Excerpt from a letter from the General Accounting Office of the Reconciliation and Clearance Div., Washington, D.C.:

"The records of this office show that Gideon Woodmansee was granted a Revolutionary War pension on March 22, 1819."

The above letter was issued from The National Archives Oct. 23, 1945. Besides the letter was the following data:

"Service: In a declaration for pension made on April 24, 1818, the veteran stated that he enlisted in July 1780, in New Bedford, Mass. and served 9 months as Private in Capt. Blasedell's Company, Col. Wigglesworth's Mass. Regiment. Gideon Woodmansee was allowed pension on Certificate No. 8032 which was issued March 22, 1819, rate \$8 per month, act of March 18, 1818, Pennsylvania Agency."

Excerpt from a letter written by me, November 15, 1946, to the chairman of the Valley Forge Memorial Fund Committee of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Names of Revolutionary soldiers are engraved on bronze tablets, ten dollars contributed by a descendant for the name of an ancestor:

"This ten dollars is for inscription of the name of Gideon Woodmansee, soldier who was with General Washington at Valley Forge during the winter of great privation. He is a direct ancestor of Edna L. Loomis and is recorded as such with the Registrar General." -E.L.L.

"Gideon Woodmansee, whose name appears in the above assessment, came from Conn. in 1816, accompanied by his brothers, James and Thomas, and all of them settled on the 'Stockport Road'. Gideon located on the place now belonging to John Randall, in Buckingham Township; he bought property in Preston, however, and was prominently identified with the early history of the township. Mr. Woodmansee had been a soldier in the Revolution, and had three sons, James, Thomas, and Jeremiah. The first named inherited the homestead, and his brothers moved to Michigan. James married Polly Underwood, and his children were James M., Jedediah, Samuel, Lyman, Horace, Phoebe, who married George Gates; Susan, the wife of Alvin R. Squire; Mary J., the wife of Joseph B. Sanford; Hulda, the wife of Jacob Martin; and Mahala, who married William Kingsbury, of Lake Como." (History of Wayne, Pike, and Monroe Counties by Alfred Matthews, 1886)

"James Woodmansee took part in second war against England- the War of 1812. He and his brother-in-law, Rufus Green, were among the first to locate in Preston Twp., Wayne Co., their nearest neighbor at that time being four and five miles distant, while wolves and other wild animals were quite numerous. He married Polly Underwood, who was born in 1792, and they became parents of fourteen children. In politics he was a Whig, and in his religious views was independent, while his wife was a Baptist." (N.E.Pa.-Com. Biog. Record p 1811)